



The First Grade Dolphin Times

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September 1 - 5, 2014



All About Me: Starting next week, we would like to feature one child each week so everyone can get to know their classmates. We will be sending home a poster for your child to color, add important information, and even add a picture or two if they would like. We will display the poster for the week and let your child share with the class things that are important to him or her. At the end of the week, we will send the poster back home for you and your child to keep. We will send a few at a time and display them in the order they are returned. Enjoy creating this special project together!

Spelling Words: Here are our spelling words for this week! Our story is called Sam and the Bag. Our spelling test will be on Friday.

am	ham	had	bad	bag
rag	cap	mad	up	go

Word Wall Words: Here are our words for this week!

up	go	am	had	like
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1st 9 Weeks Word Wall Words So Far:

a	the	can	I	my
up	go	am	had	like

Our reading levels for the 1st 9 weeks are:

Level A - B	Far Below Grade Level
Level C	Below Grade Level
Levels D - J	On Grade Level
Levels K +	Above Grade Level

Homework: We did not have any homework for the first week of school. Homework will begin this week. We are sending home everything your child needs on the first day of the week and would like to ask that everything be returned on Friday. Thanks for all your help in helping your child get his/her homework done. Because your child does not have to turn it in daily, you and your child can decide together how and when to do the assignments. This will make it much easier for nights when your child has after school activities. **Please have your child not skip pages in the homework notebook. Also, please use both sides of each page.** Remember that we will be keeping up with **who does or does not complete and return their homework on Friday**, and we will be averaging this to obtain a score. Please call if you have any questions, or be sure and bring any questions with you to the Open House on September 18th so we can help you.

Word Study: Don't forget that we are assessing your child on his or her knowledge of the spelling words at the end of each week. Also, your child will be assessed on recognition of the sight words. Please go over those sight words each night. These sight words will also be challenge words on our spelling test. If your child can spell them, he or she can earn extra points. If not, no points will be deducted.



Reading Logs: Please remember to return the reading log in the homework bag each Friday. Please write down the name of any books you read to your child or your child reads to you. This can be books you have at home, books from our classroom, or books from the library. If you and

your child read any books together over the weekend when you don't have the reading log, just jot them down and add them to the log when it comes home the following week. We keep up with these books to earn incentives. We will be displaying your child's progress towards meeting our reading goals in the classroom. Please encourage your child to read whenever possible.

Don't Forget:



Homework Folder/Behavior Folder: Your child's homework folder is the same as their behavior folder. Please make sure it is returned to school every day. I thought it would be too confusing to use two different folder.

Open House: We will be having an Open House on September 18th at 6:00 p.m. for the whole school. You will be able to visit our classroom and find out some important information. We hope you will come and find out more about your child's classroom and the new core curriculum this year. We are also planning to have a sign up sheet available for conferences at Open House, so bring your calendar with you!

Interim Reports: Students who are below level will be receiving an interim report on Monday, September 22nd.

T-Shirt Money: Each year the students buy T-shirts. The price of the T-shirts this year is going to be \$6.00. Adults may also purchase shirts if they would like for \$6.00. Larger adult size shirts are \$9. Please turn in the \$6.00 for your child's T-shirt as soon as possible. I also need to know your child's T-shirt size. We really want every child to wear this on our first field trip.

Book Orders: Our first book order will be going home today. You can order online or send a check or cash into the classroom. Please remember to turn in orders by Wednesday, September 10th. Please encourage your child to read, read, read by buying him/her a new good book!

Field Trip: Every year we get to take two field trips in the First Grade. Look for a permission slip and more information to come your way very soon

about our first field trip to Lazy 5 Ranch on Friday, October 24th!



Happy Birthday to YOU!

August Birthdays

2- Mackenzie

5- Jo'Vanni

7- Briana

10- Alexis

September Birthdays

7- Manuel

10- Cameron

13- Dylan

Wish List: If you can provide any of these needed items for our classroom, please do so.

Thanks for all your help!

- A roll of clear contact paper
- A pack of white copy paper
- Small candies for the treat jar
- A bag of plain M&M's for graphing
- Small toys for the prize box

